

**CHAPTER**  
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**SECTION 4**
**READING COMPREHENSION****The Nonlegislative Powers****3**

1. What are the two ways Congress may be involved in amending the Constitution? Which method has never been used?  
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2. Describe the role of Congress in each of the following situations:
  - a. if no candidate for President receives a majority of the electoral votes  
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  - b. if no candidate for Vice President wins a majority of the electoral votes  
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3. Describe the process for filling a vacancy in the vice presidency.  
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4. What does it mean to “impeach”? Who may be impeached?  
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5. According to the Constitution, what are legitimate reasons for impeachment?  
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6. Explain the role of each of the following in impeachment cases:
  - a. the House \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. the Senate \_\_\_\_\_
7. Complete the chart below to describe the impeachment cases of each of the following Presidents.

President	Charges/Reasons	Impeached by Full House? (Yes/No)	Convicted by Senate? (Yes/No)
Andrew Johnson			
Bill Clinton			
Richard Nixon			

**READING COMPREHENSION (continued)**

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8. Explain the role of the Senate in each of the following:
  - a. presidential appointments \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. treaties \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What is the unwritten rule of senatorial courtesy, and how does it affect the President's power of appointment?  
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10. Where does Congress's power to investigate come from?  
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11. List the five main reasons that committees of Congress conduct investigations.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Explain how each of the following agencies helps Congress inform itself and perform its oversight responsibilities:
  - a. Congressional Budget Office \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. Congressional Research Service \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. Government Accountability Office \_\_\_\_\_  
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